

**AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS TO
FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF
HIGHER EDUCATION**

CHAPTER 917

H.B. No. 100

AN ACT

relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund capital projects at public institutions of higher education.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is amended by adding Sections 55.1781, 55.1782, 55.1783, 55.1784, 55.1785, 55.1786, 55.1787, 55.1788, 55.1789, 55.17891, and 55.17892 to read as follows:

Sec. 55.1781. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS.

(a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

(1) Texas A&M University—Commerce, \$48 million for construction of a nursing and health sciences building;

(2) Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi, \$60 million for construction of a life sciences research and engineering building;

(3) Texas A&M University—Kingsville, \$60 million for an educational complex;

(4) Texas A&M University—Texarkana, \$32 million for construction of an academic and student services building;

(5) West Texas A&M University:

(A) \$38,160,000 for construction of an agricultural sciences complex; and

(B) \$7,200,000 for renovation of the Amarillo Center;

(6) The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center:

(A) \$72 million for construction of a dental clinic facility at the Baylor College of Dentistry; and

(B) \$72 million for construction of a multidisciplinary research and education facility in Bryan, Texas;

(7) Texas A&M International University, \$55,200,000 for library renovation through the addition of instructional and support spaces;

(8) Prairie View A&M University, \$28,632,000 for construction of a fabrication center and capital improvements;

(9) Tarleton State University:

(A) \$54 million for construction of an applied sciences building; and

(B) \$39,600,000 for construction of a southwest metroplex building in Tarrant County;

(10) Texas A&M University, \$75 million for construction of a biocontainment research facility;

(11) Texas A&M University at Galveston, \$60 million for construction of a classroom and laboratory facility and campus infrastructure;

(12) Texas A&M University—Central Texas, \$36 million for construction of a multipurpose building; and

(13) *Texas A&M University—San Antonio, \$63 million for construction of a science and technology building and campus infrastructure.*

(b) *The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of The Texas A&M University System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.*

(c) *If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of The Texas A&M University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.*

Sec. 55.1782. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS.

(a) *In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of The University of Texas System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:*

(1) *The University of Texas at Austin, \$75 million for renovation of Robert A. Welch Hall;*

(2) *The University of Texas—Rio Grande Valley:*

(A) *\$36,432,000 for construction of a multipurpose academic building at the campus in Brownsville; and*

(B) *\$30,600,000 for construction of an interdisciplinary engineering academic studies building at the campus in Edinburg;*

(3) *The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, \$80 million for the construction and renovation of a vivarium and academic and laboratory facilities;*

(4) *The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, \$80 million for facility renewal and renovation;*

(5) *The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, \$70 million for construction of the Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan building;*

(6) *The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, \$67,800,000 for construction of a health education center;*

(7) *The University of Texas at Arlington, \$70 million for construction of a science and education innovation and research building;*

(8) *The University of Texas at Dallas, \$70 million for construction of an engineering building;*

(9) *The University of Texas at El Paso, \$70 million for construction of an interdisciplinary research facility;*

(10) *The University of Texas at San Antonio, \$70 million for construction of an instructional science and engineering building;*

(11) *The University of Texas at Tyler, \$60 million for construction of a STEM building;*

(12) *The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, \$80 million for the renovation and modernization of educational and research facilities;*

(13) *The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler, \$14,800,000 for the renovation and modernization of educational and research facilities; and*

(14) *The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, \$48 million for construction of engineering and kinesiology buildings.*

(b) *The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of The University of Texas System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.*

(c) *If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of The University of Texas System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.*

Sec. 55.1783. UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) *In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of the University of Houston System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the following institutions or entities, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:*

(1) *the University of Houston:*

(A) *\$63 million for construction of a health and biomedical sciences center; and*

(B) *\$54 million for construction of a new academic building located in Sugar Land, Texas;*

(2) *the University of Houston—Clear Lake:*

(A) *\$24,624,000 for construction of a health sciences and classroom building located in Pearland, Texas; and*

(B) *\$54 million for construction of a STEM and classroom building;*

(3) *the University of Houston—Downtown, \$60 million for construction of a science and technology building;*

(4) *the University of Houston—Victoria, \$60 million for academic expansion and land acquisition; and*

(5) *the University of Houston System, \$46,832,000 for land acquisition for construction of a building in the area near Katy, Texas.*

(b) *The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of the University of Houston System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.*

(c) *If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the University of Houston System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.*

Sec. 55.1784. TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) *In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas State University System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:*

(1) *Lamar University, \$60 million for construction of a science building;*

(2) *Lamar State College—Orange, \$10 million for construction of a multipurpose education building;*

(3) *Lamar State College—Port Arthur, \$8,080,000 for expansion of technology program facilities;*

(4) *Lamar Institute of Technology, \$12,500,000 for construction and renovation of technical arts buildings;*

(5) *Texas State University:*

(A) *\$63 million for construction of an engineering and sciences building; and*

(B) *\$48,600,000 for construction of a health professions building in Round Rock, Texas;*

(6) *Sam Houston State University, \$48 million for construction of a biology laboratory building; and*

(7) *Sul Ross State University, \$6,240,000 for renovation and modernization of educational and related facilities and infrastructure.*

(b) *The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas State University System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.*

(c) *If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas State University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.*

Sec. 55.1785. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS.

(a) *In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of the University of North Texas System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the following institutions or entities, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:*

(1) *the University of North Texas System, \$56 million for renovation of college of law buildings;*

(2) *the University of North Texas, \$70 million for construction and renovation of college of visual arts and design facilities;*

(3) *the University of North Texas at Dallas, \$63 million for construction of a student learning and success center; and*

(4) *the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, \$80 million for construction of an interdisciplinary research building.*

(b) *The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of the University of North Texas System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.*

(c) *If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the University of North Texas System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.*

Sec. 55.1786. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY. (a) *In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of Texas Woman's University may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for a laboratory building, to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$37,997,000.*

(b) *The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this sec-*

tion all or any part of the revenue funds of Texas Woman's University, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

Sec. 55.1787. MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of Midwestern State University may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for an academic expansion and revitalization project, to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$58,400,000.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of Midwestern State University, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

Sec. 55.1788. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of Stephen F. Austin State University may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics research building at Stephen F. Austin State University, to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$46,400,000.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of Stephen F. Austin State University, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

Sec. 55.1789. TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas Tech University System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

(1) Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center:

(A) \$60,264,000 for construction of Lubbock education, research, and technology facilities;

(B) \$14,256,000 for construction of the Permian Basin academic facility; and

(C) \$5,715,000 for construction of the Amarillo Panhandle Clinical/Hospital Simulation;

(2) Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso, \$75,520,000 for construction of the El Paso Medical Science Building II;

(3) Texas Tech University, \$70 million for construction of an experimental sciences high tech interdisciplinary research building; and

(4) Angelo State University, \$21,360,000 for construction of a College of Health and Human Services building.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas Tech University System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

(c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this

section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas Tech University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

Sec. 55.17891. TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of Texas Southern University may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for the Robert J. Terry Library at Texas Southern University, to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$60 million.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of Texas Southern University, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

Sec. 55.17892. TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas State Technical College System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter for the following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

(1) Texas State Technical College—West Texas, \$12 million for construction of an industrial technology center;

(2) Texas State Technical College—Harlingen, \$3,750,000 for Phase II of the Engineering Technology Center renovation;

(3) Texas State Technical College—Waco, \$14,950,000 for construction of the Fort Bend Campus Building #2; and

(4) Texas State Technical College—Marshall, \$11,040,000 for purchase and renovation of the North Texas Technology Center.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of those bonds all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas State Technical College System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

(c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas State Technical College System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

SECTION 2. Sections 55.17721(d) and (e), Education Code, are repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act does not affect any authority or restriction regarding the activities that a public institution of higher education may conduct in connection with a facility financed by bonds authorized by this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on April 9, 2015: Yeas 131, Nays 13, 2 present, not voting; the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 100 on May 21, 2015, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 100 on May 29, 2015: Yeas 137, Nays 8, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 19, 2015: Yeas 26, Nays 5; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differ-

ences between the two houses; the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 100 on May 30, 2015: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

Approved June 18, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

**STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR A SUIT FOR PERSONAL
INJURY ARISING FROM CERTAIN OFFENSES
CONSTITUTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD OR FOR
CERTAIN SEXUAL ASSAULT OFFENSES**

CHAPTER 918

H.B. No. 189

AN ACT

relating to the statute of limitations for a suit for personal injury arising from certain offenses constituting sexual abuse of a child or for certain sexual assault offenses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 16.0045, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 16.0045. ~~[FIVE-YEAR]~~ **LIMITATIONS PERIOD FOR CLAIMS ARISING FROM CERTAIN OFFENSES.** (a) A person must bring suit for personal injury not later than 15 ~~[five]~~ years after the day the cause of action accrues if the injury arises as a result of conduct that violates:

- (1) Section 22.011(a)(2) ~~[22.011]~~, Penal Code (sexual assault of a child);
- (2) Section 22.021(a)(1)(B) ~~[22.021]~~, Penal Code (aggravated sexual assault of a child);
- (3) Section 21.02, Penal Code (continuous sexual abuse of young child or children);
- (4) Section 20A.02(a)(7)(A), (B), (C), (D), or (H) or Section 20A.02(a)(8), Penal Code, involving an activity described by Section 20A.02(a)(7)(A), (B), (C), (D), or (H) or sexual conduct with a child trafficked in the manner described by Section 20A.02(a)(7) ~~[20A.02]~~, Penal Code (certain sexual trafficking of a child ~~[persons]~~); ~~[or]~~
- (5) Section 43.05(a)(2) ~~[43.05]~~, Penal Code (compelling prostitution by a child); or
- (6) Section 21.11, Penal Code (indecent with a child).

(b) A person must bring suit for personal injury not later than five years after the day the cause of action accrues if the injury arises as a result of conduct that violates:

- (1) Section 22.011(a)(1), Penal Code (sexual assault);
- (2) Section 22.021(a)(1)(A), Penal Code (aggravated sexual assault);
- (3) Section 20A.02, Penal Code (trafficking of persons), other than conduct described by Subsection (a)(4); or
- (4) Section 43.05(a)(1), Penal Code (compelling prostitution).

(c) In an action for injury resulting in death arising as a result of conduct described by Subsection (a) or (b), the cause of action accrues on the death of the injured person.

(d) A ~~[(c) The]~~ limitations period under this section is tolled for a suit on the filing of a petition by any person in an appropriate court alleging that the identity of the defendant in the suit is unknown and designating the unknown defendant as "John or Jane Doe." The person filing the petition shall proceed with due diligence to discover the identity of the defendant and amend the petition by substituting the real name of the defendant for "John or Jane Doe" not later than the 30th day after the date that the defendant is identified to the plaintiff. The limitations period begins running again on the date that the petition is amended.